

The mission of the Municipal Court is to administer justice for the people of Santa Fe in a fair and equitable way, keeping in mind that justice is for both the defendant and the victim. The Court seeks to serve as a model, especially in the areas of multi-cultural relations and accessibility.

The Court seeks to provide effective service in the processing of citations and cases, taking a firm stand in the collection of fines and fees as assessed by city departments in the course of their enforcement of the Santa Fe Municipal Code.

2003/04 Operational Highlights:

- Continued to improve and expand the home detention program, significantly reducing the city's incarceration costs for low-risk non-violent offenders.
- Enhanced the use of technology to improve court efficiency, including a new court management system backed by funding from the Municipal Judges Association in the amount of \$128,000.
- Earned national accolades for the Alternative Sentencing Program, which has become a model of creativity and innovation for other jurisdictions around the nation.
- Contributed over 26,726 man-hours of labor to the city and various non-profit organizations through the Community Service Work Program, resulting in a savings of \$195,950 in labor costs to various non-profit organizations.
- Implemented two new alternative sentencing programs, including meditation/tai chi for violent offenders and a literacy program to assist offenders in obtaining their GED.

2004/05 Goals and Objectives:

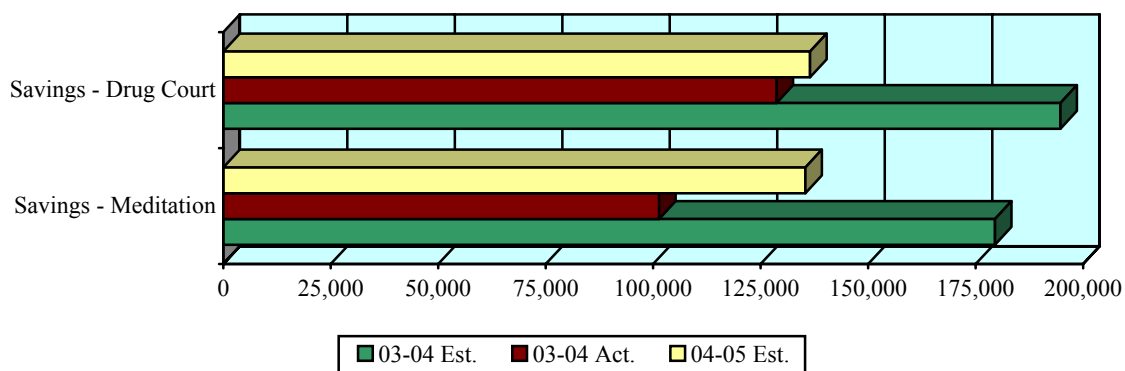
- Increase the collection rate of fines assessed by the court.
- Continue to research and apply for grants to help further alternative sentencing programs, including Mental Health Court and Community Court.
- Develop new and innovative programs to support restorative/therapeutic justice goals and enhance the Court's existing alternative sentencing programs.
- Collaborate with other city departments to find long-term solutions to the problem of collecting outstanding fines and penalties against those summoned to court who fail to appear.
- Procure additional funding to support hardware and software updates for the Court data system.

Budget Commentary:

The FY 2004/05 appropriation of \$1,200,422 provides funding support for the salaries and benefits of the Municipal Judge and 14 staff members, and also includes contracted staff assistance, interpreters for non-English speaking or hearing impaired persons, grant writing services and other consulting services costs.

The Municipal Court is supported by a General Fund appropriation of \$818,447. Special fees assessed by the Court for dedicated purposes provide the balance of funding for the division. These include the Municipal Court Automation Fund (2130) appropriation of \$110,400; the Municipal Court Program Fund (2223) appropriation of \$95,499; the Court Special Revenue Fund (2224) appropriation of \$30,000; the Home Detention Program Fund (2225) appropriation of \$116,589; and the DWI Screening Fund (2228) appropriation of \$29,487 for FY 2004/05.

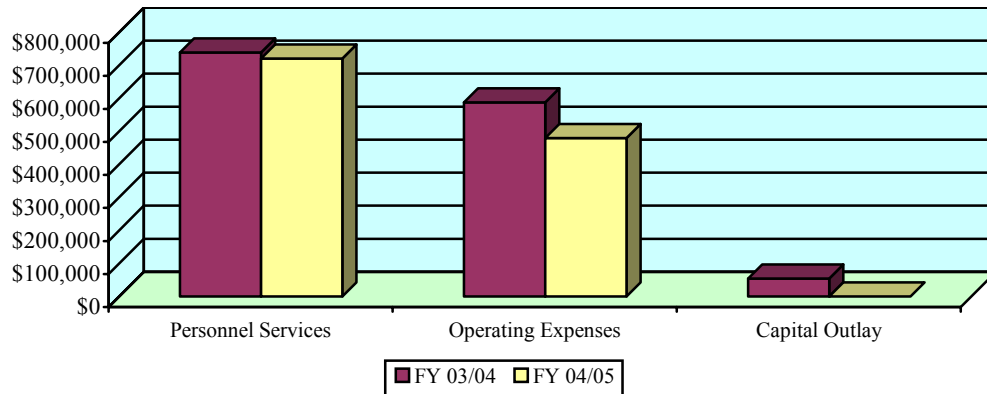
<u>Standard Program Measurements:</u>	<u>03/04 EST.</u>	<u>03/04 ACTUAL</u>	<u>04/05 EST.</u>
1. Incarceration cost savings: Home Detention Program	\$ 625,000	\$ 592,215	\$ 625,259
2. Incarceration cost savings: Drug Court Program	\$ 194,700	\$ 128,700	\$ 136,500
3. Incarceration cost savings: Meditation Program	\$ 179,500	\$ 101,400	\$ 135,400



<u>POSITION/CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>FY 03/04 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY 04/05 BUDGET</u>
Municipal Court Judge	1 – EL	1 – EL
Court Services Director	1 – EX	1 – EX
Account Technician	1 – EX	1 – EX
Bailiff	1 – EX	1 – EX
Compliance Monitor	1 – EX	1 – TGF

Confidential Administrative Secretary	1 – EX	1 – EX
Court Clerk I	6 – EX	6 – EX
Court Clerk III	2 – EX	2 – EX
Records Manager	<u>1</u> – EX	<u>1</u> – EX
TOTAL:	15	15

EXPENDITURE CLASSIFICATION



	<u>FY 03/04</u> <u>REVISED</u>	<u>FY 04/05</u> <u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Personnel Services	\$ 739,410	\$ 720,680
Operating Expenses	587,756	479,742
Capital Outlay	<u>53,884</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 1,381,050	\$ 1,200,422